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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - REPORT OF AD HOC GROUP
OF EXPERTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA (ITEM 10 A)

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT, SPONSORED BY CHILE, EGYPT, INDIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND ZAIRE, TABLED APRIL 2. CO- SPONSORS MAY PRESS TO VOTE IMMEDIATELY BUT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS (NORWAY, FRANCE, U. S.) REQUESTING DELAY UNTIL APRIL 3 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. WEOS PRESENTLY EXPECT TO VOTE AS FOLLOWS: NETHERLANDS AND ITALY FOR WITH
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RESERVATIONS; FRANCE AND UK ABSTAIN; NORWAY ABSTAIN OR FOR DEPENDING ON INSTRUCTIONS.

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2. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON VOTING ON EACH PARAGRAPH AND ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE.

3. BEGIN TEXT.

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2 (XXIII) IN WHICH IT ESTABLISHED THE (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AD HOC(END UNDERLINE) WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS, ITS RESOLUTIONS 21 (XXV), 8 (XXVI), 7 (XXVII) AND 2 (XXVIII) IN WHICH IT EXTENDED AND ENLARGED THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2646 (XXV) OF 30 NOVEMBER 1970 ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, 2676 (XXV) OF 9 DECEMBER 1970 ON THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICTS, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2906 (XXVII) BY WHICH IT DECIDED TO LAUNCH THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ON DECEMBER 10, 1973,

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE GROUP TO THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO INVESTIGATE AND THUS EXPOSE THE GROSS AND FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN THE AFRICAN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION,

BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION 1 (XXIX) BY WHICH IT RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION A DETAILED PROGRAMME FOR A DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,

EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,

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HAVING EXAMINED THE REPORT OF THE GROUP AS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/ CN.4/1111,

1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF THE (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AD HOC(END UNDERLINE) WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS;

2. EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN AT THE CONTINUED AND DEPLORABLE SITUATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS WELL AS THE BRUTAL AND INHUMAN TREATMENT METED OUT TO THE PRISONERS IN THAT AREA;

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3. CONDEMNS THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGAL AND THE ILLEGAL REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED UNCONSCIONABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS PARTICULARLY:

(A) THE POLICY OF MASS REMOVAL OF PEOPLE FROM FERTILE TO ARID REGIONS;

(B) THE USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER CHEMICAL WEAPONS OF WAR;

(C) THE SUMMARY EXECUTION WITHOUT TRIAL OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO SHOULD BE ACCORDED THE STATUS AND TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

4. ENDORSES THE OBSERVATIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOM-MENDATIONS OF THE GROUP, PARTICULARLY THAT:

(A) THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD FOLLOW CLOSELY THE VARIOUS TRIALS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA;

(B) THERE SHOULD BE A PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AID OR FUNDS IN CASES WHERE PERSONS ARE ARRESTED FOR OPPOSING THE POLICY OF (BEGIN UNDERLINE) APARTHEID(END UNDERLINE);

(C) THE NEW SYSTEM OF RECRUITING AFRICAN LABOUR FROM AMONG OFFENDERS AGAINST THE PASS LAWS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED OUTRIGHT AND BE DISCONTINUED;

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(D) THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SEPARATING WORKERS FROM THEIR FAMILIES;

(E) MORAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND THE LIBERATED TERRITORIES AND THEIR POPULA-TION SHOULD BE EXTENDED IN FULL SCALE.

5. STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE THREATS AND ATTACKS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL AND THE ILLEGAL REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST THE INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES NEIGHBOURING MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA AND GUINEA BISSAU AND ALSO REQUESTS ALL STATES TO BRING PRESSURE ON THESE GOVERNMENTS TO DESIST FROM THESE THREATS AND ATTACKS;

6. CALLS ON THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

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7. APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO DESIST FROM GIVING ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL HELP TO PERPETUATE THE SITUATION, TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGAL AND THE ILLEGAL REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

8. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THAT IT REQUEST THE SECRETARY- GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO EXPLORE WAYS AND MEANS OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THIS SITUATION PARTICULARLY THE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES;

9. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO CALL UPON THE SECRETARY- GENERAL AND THE COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP ON NAMIBIA IN THEIR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THIS AREA;

10. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO INVITE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE AREA BOMBARDMENT AND USE OF POISON- OUS CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES IN THE LIBERATED AREAS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL;

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11. INVITES THE ICRC AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HELP IN STRENGTHENING THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THOSE AREAS.

12. REMINDS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID AND THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION TO EXPEDITE THEIR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE STUDY OF THE GROUP CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF (BEGIN UNDERLINE) APARTHEID(END UNDER- LINE) (WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY) FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL PENAL LAW;

13. DECIDES THAT THE (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AD HOC(END UNDERLINE) WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO CAREFULLY OBSERVE AND SURVEY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF POLICIES OF (BEGIN UNDERLINE) APARTHEID AND(END UNDERLINE) RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PRESENT IN THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN NAMIBIA, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, GUINEA BISSAU, RESULTING FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME IN NAMIBIA, THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND THE PORTUGUESE REGIME IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA BISSAU AND TO NOTIFY SUCH EVENTS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION IN DUE COURSE;

14. REQUESTS THE (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AD HOC(END UNDERLINE) WORKING

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GROUP TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SITUATIONS WHICH INTERFERE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA BISSAU AS THE GROUP HAS NOT YET GIVEN A REPORT SO FAR;

15. REQUESTS THE GROUP TO REMAIN ACTIVE AND VIGILANT IN ITS OBSERVATION OF COLONIAL AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE ARISING FROM THE BANTU HOMELAND POLICIES AND DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENT OF WAGES BELOW POVERTY LINE TO BLACK AFRICAN WORKERS, IN SOUTH AFRICA;

16. REQUESTS FURTHER THE (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AD HOC(END UNDERLINE) WORKING GROUP TO MAKE A REPORT ABOUT ITS FINDINGS NOT LATER THAN THE 31 ST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION AND TO PRESENT AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE 30 TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION;

17. REQUESTS FURTHER THE (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AD HOC(END UNDERLINE) WORKING GROUP TO LIST ALL INHUMAN ACTS RESULTING FROM PUNISHMENT

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METED OUT TO THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA BISSAU AND TO COMPILE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSION AT ITS 31 ST SESSION;

18. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADEQUATE AND SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND STAFF TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE GROUP TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE;

19. INVITES THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO ASK THE SECRETARY- GENERAL TO GIVE WIDE PUBLICITY TO THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP (E/ CN.4/1111). END TEXT.
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